

REMARKS

This amendment responds to the Office Action dated March 18, 2008, in which the Examiner objected to the Drawings and Specification and rejected claims 1, 3, 7 and 9 on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting.

Attached to this amendment are Replacement Sheets for FIGS. 7-13 to label them prior art. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraws the objection to the Drawings.

As indicated above, a typographical error in the Specification has been corrected. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraws the objection to the Specification.

Attached to this amendment is a Terminal Disclaimer and fee which disclaims the terminal part, if any, of any the statutory term of patent granted on the present application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of U.S. Patent No. 7,327,397. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraws the rejection to claims 1, 3, 7 and 9 on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting.

Since withdrawn claims 2 and 8 depend from allowable generic claims, Applicants respectfully request that these claims no longer be withdrawn. Additionally, Applicants respectfully submit that elected claims 13-16 and 18-19 are also generic and should be allowed. Furthermore, since claim 17 depends from generic claim 15, Applicants respectfully submit that this claim is also in condition for allowance.

The prior art of record, which is not relied upon, is acknowledged. The references taken singularly or in combination do not anticipate or make obvious the claimed invention.

Thus, it now appears that the application is in condition for a reconsideration and allowance. Reconsideration and allowance at an early date are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

If for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact, by telephone, the Applicants undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the currently set shortened statutory period, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 05-0320.

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